

THE MEGALOGIC

SEPTEMBER 1942

WHAT AHEAD FOR THE GRADUATE?

History of work - in the armed services, in civilian employment for the government (I have observed Civil Service Classified engineering jobs on my desk as I write), in manufacturing of production.

The plain facts are that there is a critical shortage of technical men in all branches.

Hand in hand with this need are the confusing announcements from the military authorities and conflicting newspaper accounts regarding selective service policies.

That's the answer - I have only one - get tight, don't rock the boat, get as much of this essential training as you can and hope that the Manpower Commission, sooner or later, will clarify the situation.

Meanwhile, local draft boards are continuing to defer, on the six months to six months basis, engineers in training who are "C" average or better, and whom the Dean can certify are in good standing in the School of Engineering.

Your school of Engineering is meeting this demand as follows:
(1) Maintaining for students eligible
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ENGINEERING SOCIETIES FIDUCIARY

The joint plans of the three engineering societies has been postponed. In a tentative date of October 1942, all engineering students are invited to this planning, and will find further and more definite information in the Engineering Council Bulletin. The Engineering Council is the body which will coordinate the activities of the three societies and will be the central point of contact for all engineering students.

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FALL MEETING - OCTOBER 7

The regular fall mixer, which has become a traditional event in the School of Engineering, will take place on October seventh at 8 pm. The program is indefinite, but the President of the University, President Cloyd H. Marvin, and our Dean, Dean F. M. Feiler will be there to speak, as well as most of the faculty and old student enrollment. It is particularly for the new men to meet the older men and the professors, and for everyone to have a good time.

CALENDAR

Sept. 28	Mon.	Classes begin
Sept. 30	Wed.	Sigma Tau (long)
Oct. 7	Wed.	MIXER
Oct. 14	Wed.	Sigma Tau (short) Societies
Oct. 21	Wed.	Sigma Tau (long)
Oct. 25	Wed.	Theta Tau (long)
Nov. 4	Wed.	Sigma Tau (short) Societies
Nov. 11	Wed.	Theta Tau (short) Council
Nov. 18	Wed.	Sigma Tau (long)
Nov. 25	Wed.	Theta Tau (long)
Dec. 2	Wed.	Sigma Tau (short) Societies
Dec. 9	Wed.	Theta Tau (short) Council
Dec. 16	Wed.	Sigma Tau (long)
Dec. 21	Mon.	Christmas break
Jan. 4	Mon.	Classes resume

Society meetings and Council meetings to start at 8:00 P.M.

Three meetings of Executive Board to start at 8:00 P.M. and end at 10:00 P.M.
Four meetings of Board of Trustees to start at 8:00 P.M.

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LISTEN BROTHER

This is the beginning of the fall semester, the second semester of the newly accelerated war program in the School of Engineering. We are in the midst of the biggest war mankind has ever known, and we engineers know our responsibilities. We know that the future rests on our shoulders, and is guided by our hands. That we shall learn to guide it carefully is our main object for being here at a University. So far the officials, and the country at large, realize that we must continue to advance for the future, and that engineers and doctors must continue to go to school, even if to some, action on the battlefields seems more important.

As long as we are granted the opportunity to go to school, it is the responsibility of every student to take the fullest advantage of it. (I don't let us hear any one say that we students are afraid or unable to face responsibilities.)

This means diligent concentration on studying and learning. But don't be misguided into the belief that all learning is done in the classroom. It is only the place to learn the rules; the rest and perhaps the most important part comes outside of school.

WHAT'S AHEAD FOR THE ENGINEER?

(FOLLOW)

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for admission to degree courses an accelerated full time training program.

(2) Offering several special credit courses in the regular credit curricula for engineers in service.

(3) Offering groups of fifteen week non-credit defense training courses.

(4) Helping each enrolled student to plan his program to meet the several demands of the armed service, leading to commissions or deferred civilian employment in the government and in industry.

We don't know the future. Each of you can keep cheerful, hold up your scholarship, plan your work, and work your plan.

We do know that every engineer whether he is fully or partially trained is needed in the service of his country and that our faculty, our alumni, and our students are taking and will take a vital part in the war.

Your Dean,
Frederick W. Peilner

A LITTLE NEWS ON THE DRAFT SITUATION

Secretary Stimson made an announcement several days ago which clarified his original statement concerning the imminent induction into the army of the college enlisted reserves. He made it known that he believed there was considerable misapprehension on the part of some people concerning students of engineering and other specialized courses. The Secretary pointed out that local draft boards were instructed to defer for occupational reasons students and teachers considered essential in the war effort. He declared that such persons should remain in college until called as "they're doing the job their country wants them to do."

Ordinarily, at this time of the year we would be getting together and discussing our job work and social activities, and reminiscing about our traditional summer parties on the beach or somewhere in the country. Instead, we have had a head start for the year, or a combination of the last year's activities, whichever way you look at it.

Although most of us are in this position, some new fellows will be with us who are fresh and just beginning. For their "edification", Theta Tau is a professional engineering college fraternity founded on October 13, 1904 at the University of Minnesota for the purpose of fostering good fellowship and responsible thinking among men on whose shoulders will fall the duty of maintaining and increasing the high standards of the Engineering Profession.

Here at school we learn to work, plan, and execute assigned tasks to the end that we may be better prepared for the greater responsibilities.

You fellows who have had a taste of the engineering subjects and like it enough to want an active part in the extra-curricular activities; join your respective engineering societies and find yourself a job to help out.

We have added three pledges to Gamma Beta chapter who will be initiated at our next big function, the fraternities birthday initiation, banquet and dance, on October 17th. They are Edgar Serdahl and Bill Tibert from the M.E.'s and George Dunney from the C.E.'s.

We have acquired another female of the specie, via Mickey Schulte. She was initiated one late Saturday afternoon in September, just before Labor Day. Happy Days!

ENGINEERS
MIXER
OCTOBER 7

EVERY ENGINEER
IS INVITED TO
COME WEDNESDAY
NIGHT AT 8 PM,
OCTOBER 7, AND
JOIN IN THE
THREE "E's"

(EDUCATION-ENTERTAINMENT
& EATS)
EVERYONE ELSE WILL
BE THERE, WILL YOU?

Editors of the MACH LECTIV:

I do not like the MACH LECTIV as it now appears. I would like to make the following suggestions:

Signed (if you want)

Note: Kindly fill this in (add a sheet of paper if you wish) and drop it in the box outside the Dean's Office, as a help to the editors.

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